

HOUSE RESOLUTION 19 of the First Extraordinary Session
By Langster

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Lawson, Jr.
on the celebration of their 67th wedding
anniversary and to recognize and thank them for
their many contributions to the Nashville-
Davidson County community.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body honor those persons who through
their many endeavors are credits to their respective families, communities, and to the state; and

WHEREAS, one such couple is that of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Lawson, Jr.; on February 1,
1932, Mr. Aaron Lawson, Jr. and Miss Thelma Isabelle Martin were joined in holy matrimony,
and since that fateful day this loving couple has shared the joys and sorrows of life's journey,
facing the world as one; and

WHEREAS, born in Greensboro, Alabama, Mr. Aaron Lawson, Jr. moved as a youngster
with his family to Birmingham, where he attended Alabama's public schools; and

WHEREAS, after passing the Railway Mail Clerk examination, Aaron was assigned to
the Nashville office and thus made Tennessee his new home in 1931; and

WHEREAS, in November 1932, Mr. Lawson joined Seay Chapel, now known as Seay-
Hubbard United Methodist Church, and served with probity for several years as Lay Leader as
well as Chairman of the Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lawson was a valuable employee of the United States Postal Service
for 37 years, and in 1968 he retired as supervisor; and

WHEREAS, after retiring from the postal service, Mr. Lawson became extremely active
in community and civic activities; he served with acumen and alacrity as Project Area Chairman

(PAC) during the Urban Renewal, and as a member and chairman of Hope, Inc., a non-profit housing corporation; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lawson is a board member of the South Street Day Care Center (Edgehill) and serves on the Council of Community Services, the Welfare Committee, and on Title 20 where he investigated and recommended funding for day care centers and other agencies; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Aaron Lawson, Jr. is a stalwart Board Member Emeritus of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), Meharry Chapter; during his time as an active board member, Mr. Lawson performed each of his obligations with the utmost integrity, probity, and industry; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lawson has received numerous awards, including that of his most treasured, The Appreciation Award for Dedicated Service to Seay-Hubbard United Methodist Church, where he was recognized for being their Sunday School Teacher; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Thelma Lawson is a native of Nashville; born and educated in the public schools of both Nashville and Chicago; Thelma Isabelle Martin returned to Nashville and graduated from high school, Waldron College, and Tennessee State Normal College; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Lawson always had the desire to teach children; she taught school for five years, being highly respected and admired by her students and fellow educators alike; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Lawson is, likewise, involved in many community activities as she has worked as a volunteer for twenty years in the Upper Room Living Prayer Center Line; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Thelma Lawson is also actively involved in the House of Friendship as well as holding membership in Church Women United of Nashville and Concerned Women of America; and

WHEREAS, her devout religious faith is evinced as a longtime member of the Seay-Hubbard United Methodist Church where she serves her Lord in many capacities, including that of having taught Sunday School classes for many years; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Lawson also enjoys belonging to the AARP; she serves as Chairperson of Hospitality and Courtesy, as well as serving as Treasurer of the South Street Community Center (Edgehill); and

WHEREAS, the Lawsons are also affiliated with the NAACP; and

WHEREAS, the Lawsons are the very epitome of good neighbors, always ready with a kind word and eager to lend a helping hand to those in need; and

WHEREAS, this loving couple attributes their longevity of life, love, and marriage to five key points: "God's love; prayer; perseverance; hard work; and the AARP, for excellent fellowship and knowledge provided by the AARP organization"; and

WHEREAS, this fine couple's blessed union has produced three sons, each of whom has made his mark on the world and is highly successful in his own right; they are Jerald O. Lawson, M.D. of Dickson, William Adrian Lawson of Atlanta, and Frederick A. Lawson of Houston; and

WHEREAS, the Lawsons are delighted to be the grandparents of 13 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, for 67 years this union has endured to stand as a testament to the power of love and family; and

WHEREAS, marriages such as this are truly the rock-solid foundation upon which our society is built and a beacon of sanity and continuity in these turbulent times; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby pause to honor and congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Lawson, Jr. of Nashville, on their 67 years of marriage, as well as to thank them for their many contributions to the Nashville-Davidson County community. We also extend to them our best wishes for much continued happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

